

The Magnolia

Columbus Garden Club Newsletter



February, 2023



February is known as the month of hearts and roses...and love.

And, in Columbus Garden Club there are many ways that love is expressed. Love for our community blooms in the planters around the courthouse square, in the Blue Star Memorial garden, in the Court Oak Bed, in the plantings around the Visitors Center, in the butterfly garden at Midtown Park, and in the Rose Garden on Live Oak St.

Love is shown for gardening through the members participating in the many workshops offered by the District and by State. Love is shown by members who want to improve their knowledge of

gardening by becoming Master Gardeners and by members who want to learn more about flower shows and horticulture by participating in our club flower shows. Committee members who work diligently on committees during the club year, members who serve as club officers, members who make and serve delicious goodies at our monthly meetings, members who make the effort to attend monthly club meetings...**ALL show love for Columbus Garden Club, gardening, and our community.**



Landscape Design School

Course 1 of the Landscape Design School program will be held again at the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library at Texas A & M on Monday and Tuesday, February 27 and 28, 2023. Classes are held 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with lunch and snacks included in the tuition fee of \$145.

This course is part of the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and National Garden Clubs, Inc. program for members wishing to attain a Landscape Consultant's rating.

The course provides insight into creating a beautiful landscape at your home. Students also learn about civic and highway landscaping. Garden club members enrolled in the course will learn in a mixed group setting with master gardeners, professional landscapers, nurserymen, and others.

Garden club members wishing to achieve the Landscape Consultant's rating should plan to successfully complete Courses 1, 2, 3, and 4. After completing the 4 courses, gardeners may refresh once a year for four years and work toward a Master Consulting rating.

Michele Wehrheim, Landscape Design School Registrar's contact information is listed on the lower portion of the registration form.

Columbus Garden Club members contact Marian Schonenberg or Sharon Wegenhoft for more information

Landscape Design School

February 27 & 28 2023



LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL SERIES 27, COURSE 1

February 27-28, 2023

George H. W. Bush Presidential Library

theater in the Rotunda (free parking)

College Station, TX

THE SCHOOL IS OPEN TO ANYONE WISHING TO ADD TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN. Texas Garden Club, Inc. members and National Garden Club affiliate members may attend the schools to work toward a Landscape Consultant's rating. Members that have successfully completed all 4 courses may refresh once a year for four years and work toward a Master Consultant rating. To maintain this rating one must refresh at least once in 5 years.

MASTER GARDENERS who complete a course may apply for 12 hours of credit to their requirements for continuing education in their county. After completing 4 courses, they will receive the Landscape Design Steward certification.

Registration Form

****Please print legibly****

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____
Tel# _____ Email _____

Garden Club Members ONLY: Credit ____ Refresher ____ or Audit ____

Garden Club Member of _____ **Garden Club**

Master Gardeners ONLY: Member of _____ Chapter County _____

If Master Gardeners wish to use this course for continuing MG education credit, they must pass the examination.

Tuition/lunch fee \$145.00 includes box lunch and snacks/beverages both days

Special Dietary Needs _____

Make check or money order payable to: Landscape Design School

You will be sent an email to confirm receipt of registration.

Mail to Michele Wehrheim, Registrar

1218 Haines Drive

College Station, TX 77840

(313) 649-1067

***We will be communicating hotel information, event information and other last-minute items by email. (If you do not have an email, we will mail it to you.)

Questions: text, phone or email Michele Wehrheim (313) 649-1067 texaslandscapedesignschool@gmail.com or read on-line info about the School curriculum at National Garden Clubs web site, www.gardencub.org or at the A&M Garden Club website amgardencub.com or contact your county Agrilife Extension Agent.

Environmental School

Joann Obenhaus, Jennie Pritchett, Nancy Galloway and Sharon Wegenhoft attended the Environmental Studies School sponsored by National Garden Club January 20-22. Subjects covered were Environmental Issues, Environmental Science, Plants Biodiversity, Historic Environmental Actions and Leaders, Ecology and Backyard Wildlife Habitat. The group also made a Field Trip to NRG's Dewey Prairie Garden which is located at a reclaimed strip mine at Donie, TX. This garden helps to provide food for the communities around the area for food challenged families.



Joann and Sharon completed their fourth Environmental School with this school which qualified them for a Certificate of Completion of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Environmental Course 1-4. They both dressed in their "graduation gowns" made of reclaimed black garbage bags (picture below). Their graduation caps were made of reclaimed juice bags with the tassels made of portions of

Christmas String lights with a light bulb on the end.

Sharon needing to cover a large hole in the front of her "gown" chose a beautiful "scarf" of bubble wrap and carried a clay pot found in the Fort and used her green bandana "napkin" to represent a green plant. She also wore pink gardening gloves to complete the graduation "look." Of note, TGC President Gwen DeWitt was also included in the "Class of 23."



Flower Show School

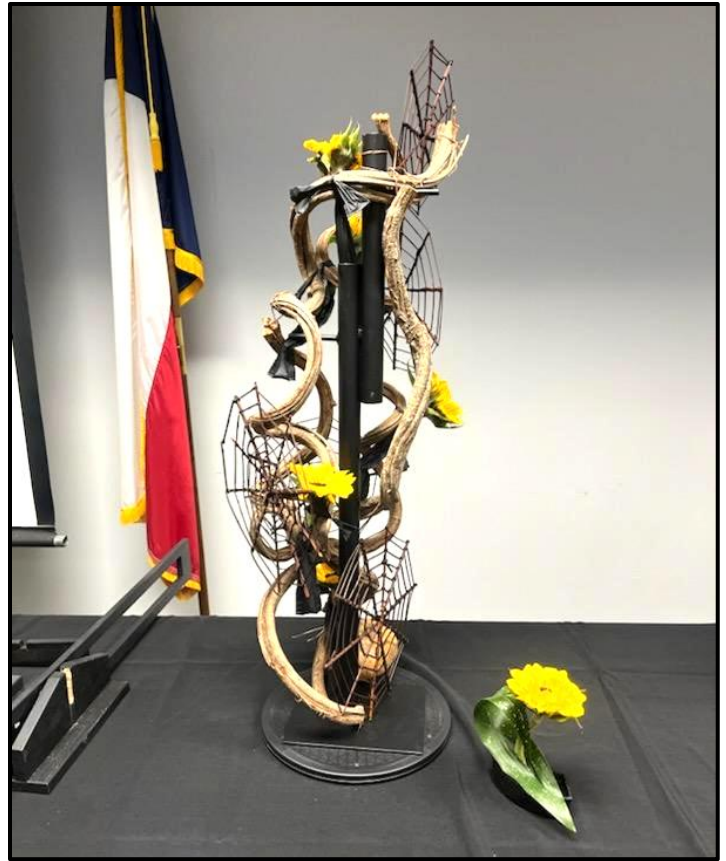
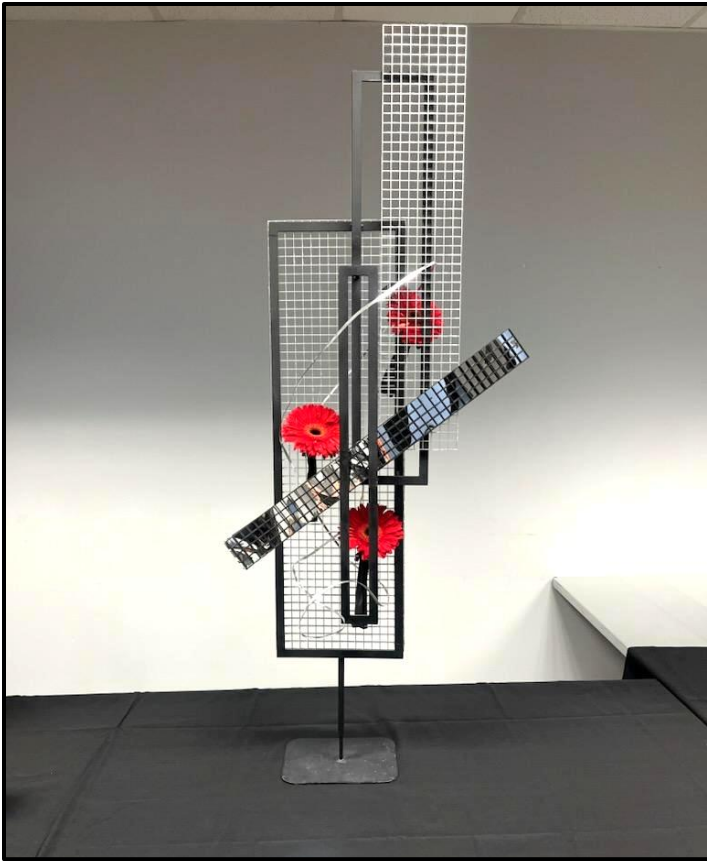
Flower Show School IV was January 30th through February 2nd, Houston, Tx. Regena Williamson and Mary Vacek were co-chairs. Instructors were Penny Decker and Jan Griffith. Penny handled the design and Jan handled horticulture. The Araceae family, which includes philodendron, diffenbachia, aglonemia, anthurium and monstera families, were studied.

These are Abstract Creative Designs by Penny Decker:

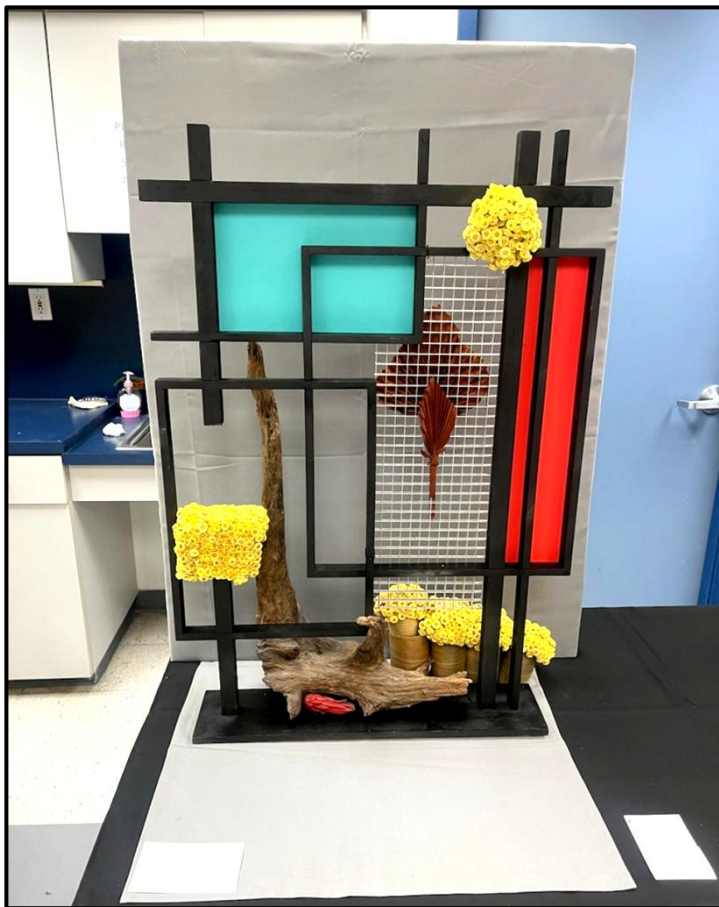


Design on right is an abstract Creative Design by Bonnie Baker.





Above are Transparency designs by Penny Decker, symposium instructor NGC.



(Left) Transparency design by Regena Williamson

(Right) by Kathleen Sullivan HAFSJ



Jennie Pritchett is taking the Master Gardener class in Victoria to become a Master Gardener.

So proud of you Jennie....



Nancy Galloway and Sharon Wegenhoft attended the Houston Home and Garden Show Saturday 2-4-23

and helped work the **Houston Federation of Garden Clubs** booth in NRG auditorium. They sold plants from Brookwood, helped children make paper flowers, color



vegetables, plant seeds in an ice cream cone plus give advice on gardening. Nancy brought information about Monarch Butterflies which was enjoyed by the attendees. There were lots of plants from Brookwood for sale. The event lasted from Friday through Sunday.

POTTING AREA WORKDAYS



Club members are invited to gather at the **City Yard at Midtown Park** – also referred to as the Garden Club Potting Area on Live Oak Street to clean up the area. **Workdays are set for Friday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m. and Friday, March 3**

The area served Columbus Garden Club in the past as the potting and pricing area for our annual plant sales. Club members stopped using the area several years ago, leaving behind the items used for plant sale preparation such as pots, potting soil, table, green house frame and more.

The club voted in January to officially discontinue use of the area and return the area back to the City of Columbus. Our project focus is the removal of all club items and clean up the area by early March.

Members needing plastic nursery style pots are encouraged to stop by and pick some up. There is an assortment of pot sizes available. Please remember to bring gloves and water.

(In celebration of the Columbus Bicentennial)



**COMING TO THE
STAFFORD
OPERA HOUSE**

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Doors open at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00, Performance
at 7:00 pm by Fayette County Community Theater
from La Grange, Texas

Italian Meal, Drinks, Silent Auction, and more

\$50 per person * Reserved Table for eight \$600 (extra perks included)

Tickets at the Columbus Chamber or online <https://chamber.pub/TheGreatGatsby>



Regena Williamson, Sharon Wegenhoft, Wanda Anglin and Nancy Galloway met Thursday February 2 to make table decorations for the Columbus 200 Dinner Theater "The Great Gatsby" to be held Saturday February 11 at the Stafford Opera House.

The group will be decorating the tables on February 9. The city is looking forward to celebrating it's first 200 years together. Columbus Garden Club has enjoyed helping to make our city more beautiful since 1941.





Thank you ladies for all the work you do and for all of the time and talents you give to our club.

Thank you everyone for loving our community and our garden club and all that you do.

Garden Hints

Try starting seedlings in egg shells. The egg shells are good nutrients for the plants. Or plant them in cardboard egg cartons. Cut the cardboard egg cartons into individual little "pots" for your seedlings and plant in the ground. The cardboard will decompose.



How to Winter Sow

1. Prep

Take the cap off.



1. Clean your containers using warm soapy water. Rinse well.

2. Cut your containers in half.

3. Drill 4 holes into the bottom.

2. Plant



1. Add a coffee filter at the bottom of the container.

4. Add a top layer of soil over the seeds.

3. Add seeds.

2. Add potting soil.

5. Spray the soil with water to dampen it.

3. Seal



Duct tape the container back together and label it.



Leave the cap off.

4. Grow



1. Set the containers outside.

2. Monitor soil to ensure it does not dry out. Add water when needed.

3. Seedlings are ready to transplant in spring when they have at least three leaves.

If you have garden hints or want to share a garden experience or want to share pictures from your garden please send to Velma Harrington at velma.george07@gmail.com I will be glad to include in our monthly newsletter.

Please Note: Our Treasurer reminds us that dues for Columbus Garden Club 2023-24 are due **now til March 31 and are \$40.**

Everyone is looking forward to the TGC Spring Convention April 10-13 in San Antonio. Their theme will be "Aloha in San Antonio." The application for attending is on pg. 20 of the **Fall Lone Star Gardener.** Please plan to attend as the San Antonio ladies always present lots of education and good times!

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARK YOUR 2023 CALENDAR – **For Federation, TGC and NGC Events**

FEBRUARY: 1	PRESIDENTS REPORTS DUE TO BE JUDGED
10	FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING
MARCH: 10	FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING 10 A.M.
21	TGC DISTRICT IV SPRING CONVENTION, HOUSTON.
APRIL: 10-14	TGC CONVENTION – SAN ANTIONO
14	FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING 10 A.M.
19-21	SCR SPRING CONVENTION, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK.
24-25	SCR SPRING CONVENTION, LITTLE ROCK, AR
MAY: 2-5	NGC SPRING CONVENTION – WHITE SULFER SPRING ,WV.
12	FEDERATION GENERAL MEETING. 10 A.M.



Dandelion Facts:

Dandelions belong to the same family of plants as asters and sunflowers.

1 cup of dandelion greens contains more than the recommended daily intake of Vitamins A & K.

Dandelions are an early spring food source for bees.



Every part of a dandelion can be eaten, including flowers and roots.

One study determined that a dandelion seed can travel 100 miles and even make it all the way across the sea.

Let's Talk About Chocolate



Our January program was -
Chocolate – From Bean to Bar
Presented by **Ginger Easton Smith**



Agriculture Extension Agent, Kona, Hawaii – Retired
Coffee, Macadamia, Cacao, Tropical Fruit Specialist
Horticulture Science, B.S., M.S., University of Hawaii

Hostesses were: Patti Schindler
Marian Schonenburg, Susan Havelka, Lyn Buescher, Neva Lou Hubenak, Dell Szymkowski, Janice Harbich, Sharon Heimann, and Chris Schobel



Board members met January 31 at the home of Marian Schonenberg to discuss club business. President Joann Obenhaus, Cheryl Rose, Velma Harrington, Debbie Braden, Sharon Wegenhoft, Patti Schindler and of course Marian were in attendance.

Keep Garden Club Members and Families in Your Thoughts:

So that we can better communicate and express our love and concern for each other, if you know of a garden club member or family of a garden club member who is ill or there is a death in the family please contact:

Joann Obenhaus, 979-942-0528 – She will notify the appropriate members to communicate with the club.

Cheryl Rose, 713-444-6500 – She is officer in charge of notifying the club

Susan Peletz, 979-732-6621 – She will send birthday cards, get well cards, sympathy cards

Keep the Family of Dale Heinsohn in your thoughts and prayers. Dale passed away January 16, 2023. She was a past member and President of Columbus Garden Club.

Remember our Birthdays:



February

- 03 Lynda Duffy
- 07 Sandy Barrett
- 14 Chaney Gregory
- 18 Amanda Hopkins
- 20 Neva Lou Hubenak
- 22 Jennie Pritchett

FEBRUARY YARD OF THE MONTH AND COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION AWARD FOR FEBRUARY IS PENDING.

